

THE POLICE CORPS WEEKLY

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RECRUIT PROFILE

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- SPONSORING AGENCY: Fon du Lac P.D.
- AGE: 22
- HOMETOWN: Fon Du Lac, WI
- COLLEGE: Marian College
- MAJOR: Administration of Justice
- HOBBIES/INTERESTS: Hunting, shooting guns, sports, camping, spending time outdoors, spending time w/ family and friends



SENSITIVE CRIMES

BY: RECRUIT OPPERMAN

Until the last couple decades or so, sensitive crimes were described primarily as sexual assault and domestic violence crimes. This week in class recruits learned how much these crimes impact peoples lives. Many of the students came up with shocking statistics. In fact, most people do not even report these crimes. Some of the statistics that recruits found showed that 70 to 80 percent of sexual assaults are not reported, and of that 20 to 30 percent that are reported, some never make it to trial. The majority of the people who are involved with these types of crimes are involved in a serious intimate relationship. This means that they don't want to see their partner go to jail.

Recruits also learned that Wisconsin has developed a mandatory arrest law for domestic violence cases. With this, Wisconsin law does not give the individual, or their loved one any choice. People must be arrested, because most sensitive crimes are committed by people who are in a power-struggle, or who need to have control.



Recruits Cato and Salzmann question a poor, domestically abused husband during a Sensitive Crimes skit. (Mr. Sacia)

Many people have the misconception that these crimes are committed by dirty, uneducated and homeless persons. In many cases, this is just the opposite. They are the people you know or people who you have met. Recruits were also given the opportunity to meet with a vic-

tim of domestic abuse. She gave us a first hand view of the troubles involved with these crimes. Overall, the class learned how to cope with, or handle sensitive crime victims, and to somehow build an understanding of how sensitive crimes play a major part in many people's every day lives.

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

BY: RECRUIT LECHER

During week twelve of the police corps, the recruits received training on crimes against people. Taught by Sergeant Page of the Eau Claire P.D., this session covered several different crimes specifically

dealing with death investigations, and crime scene management strategies. During these classes the recruits learned that there were many different types of death investigations. Some of these investigations

include, accidental death, homicide, and suicide.

Each crime is investigated in a different way, with some differing procedures.

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS, CONT.

However, there are very many similarities between investigations as well. The first thing that was explained to the recruits was that all death investigations are treated like homicides until it can be proven that it was not a homicide. This is done to preserve the scene as much as possible. Once it has been established that the death was natural, accidental, or suicide, different procedures can be instituted.

During this class

the students were also exposed to pictures from actual death scenes and investigations. These pictures and stories were very graphic in nature. Sgt. Page really made the recruits realize how important effective investigative work is. Not only to capture the criminal, but also for the benefit of the surviving family. Even though the pictures seen in this class were graphic, they still do not compare to the sights that the recruits will have to

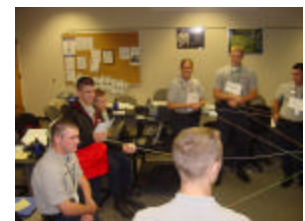
observe and deal with during their careers.

This class was very informational and it helped to prepare the recruits for some of the hardest assignments they may have to face during their career. Sergeant Page did an excellent job of presenting the material in a way that made the recruits realize that it was important, without over emphasizing the pure brutality of some of the situations.

Pictures from Week 12



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SCENARIOS: DOMESTIC ABUSE BY: RECRUIT LANGE

Throughout the first twelve weeks of the academy, recruits have undergone a vast variety of training. One of the most recent training sessions focused on domestic violence. The class was given the opportunity to apply all the knowledge they have gained into handling a life-like scenario. The scenario began with groups of two recruits being dispatched to a noise complaint. Soon after arriving it became obvious that this noise complaint was in fact a domestic disturbance.

Thanks to the excellent acting skills of Recruits Kastern and Kunz, the responding recruits were exposed to a seemingly real life domestic dispute. The recruits were placed in a situation where they had to make a determination of who was the primary aggressor and who was going to be placed under arrest.

After the scenario was complete, each recruit had to fill out a report with a narrative explaining what had happened and what actions they took based on the

occurrences. In addition to the scenario, the recruits also went through a debriefing period, where the instructors pointed out both the good and bad aspects of the call. Although all of the scenarios were essentially the same, each pair of recruits had somewhat different outcomes. Looking back on the scenarios, we can now say they were all very valuable learning tools for everyone who participated.